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SUBJECT: SOVIET LECTURER ON GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE
PROSPECTS

1. ZNANIYE SOCIETY LECTURER DECEMBER 9 TOOK POSITIVE
LINE ON PROSPECTS FOR ME SETTLEMENT AND ON KISSINGER
VISIT TO ME BUT HE SPELLED OUT IN GREATER DETAIL
THAN PRESS HAS SO FAR THAT OBSTACLES TO SUCCESSFUL
GENEVA CONFERENCE.

2. LECTURER SAID MANY PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY IN U.S.,
REALIZE WORLD WAS CLOSE TO NUCLEAR WAR AS RESULT OF
ME CONFLICT, BUT FACT THAT ME CONFERENCE MAY OPEN
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DECEMBER 18 SHOWS DETENTE VICTORIOUS. ASSERTING U.S.-

SOVIET INITIATIVE HAD PREVENTED CATASTROPHE, LECTURER NOTED THAT SECRETARY HAS BEEN ESPECIALLY ACTIVE AND WILL MAKE SECOND ME TRIP IN SEARCH OF WAYS TO MAKE PEACE CONFERENCE POSSIBLE. (HE REDUCED THE KUDOS A BIT LATER BY SAYING A MAIN PURPOSE OF TRIP WS TO GET ARABS TO LIFT OIL EMBARGO.)

3. DESPITE THESE POSITIVE DEVELOPMENTS, HOWEVER, LECTURER CAUTIONED THAT MANY OBSTACLES TO ACHIEVING A SETTLEMENT REMAIN:

A. ISRAEL IS STILL MANEUVERING TO GET OUT OF CONFERENCE. LECTURER CITED NEW YORK TIMES TO EFFECT THAT ISRAEL IS ATTEMPTING TO TURN THE CONFERENCE INTO NOTHING MORE THAN A SERIES OF FRUITLESS TALKS. MEANWHILE, HE SAID, SHE IS REINFORCING HER MILITARY POWER AND SAYING SHE CANNOT AGREE TO 1967 BOUNDARIES.

B. ARABS LACK UNITY. LECTURER REFERRED TO QADHAFI IN USUAL PRJORATIVE TERMS AND DEVOTED UNUSUAL AMOUNT OF ATTENTION TO JORDAN' DISAGREEMENT WITH ALGIERS SUMMIT DECISION TO RECOGNIZE PLO. SUGGESTING THAT ISRAEL MIGHT FIND SEPARATE AGREEMENT WITH HUSSEIN POSSIBLE, LECTURER ASSERTED THAT SUCH DISUNITY ONLY SERVES ISRAEL'S INTEREST.

C. THERE ARE CIRCLES IN IMPERIALIST NATIONS WHO WILL DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO KEEP COLD WAR ALIVE.

D. THERE ARE FORBCES (UNNAMED) IN ARAB WORLD WHICH ARE WILLING TO COMPROMISE ON OIL WEAPON.MELENCAMP

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